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## Brighton Recognized as a Top College Savings Friendly Community

*Senator Garcia Honors Brighton at College Savings Month Celebration*

LANSING – During the Kick-Off Celebration today of September as *College Savings Month* at the Michigan State Capitol Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, praised Brighton as a leader. Brighton is listed among the top 20 communities for the number of Michigan Education Savings Programs (MESP) accounts and Michigan Education Trust (MET) contracts in the state.

“I am pleased to see that the Brighton community is serious about higher education for its children,” Garcia said. “With these economic challenging times it is imperative that parents plan for their children’s education needs far in advance.”

The MESP is a Michigan 529 Savings Program that has been cited by publications such as Money Magazine and Kiplinger.com for providing families with a smart, flexible way to save for their children’s future. Thousands of Michigan families have also utilized MET, one of the oldest and most respected 529 Prepaid Tuition Programs in the nation.

“I hope by proclaiming September as *College Savings Month* and recognizing leading areas it will inspire additional communities and families to starting planning for their children’s education; it is never too early,” said Garcia.

Garcia will be presenting Brighton Mayor Kate Lawrence and Superintendent of Brighton Schools Dave Pruneau with awards later this month.

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**Editor’s Note:** A photo of Sen. Garcia accepting an award from MESP/MET Representatives at the Kick-Off Celebration is available at  
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